

SBCJC
DINNER MEETING
BOARD WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 20, 1995

MINUTES

The Board met at 6:00 p.m. at Ralph and Kacoos The Seafood Restaurant in Jackson, Mississippi on September 20, 1995. Members present included: Paul Breazeale, Yvonne Brown, Alton Bankston, John Junkin, Patricia Puckett, William Seal, and Hazel Terry. Members absent were Perrin Purvis, Nell Rogers, and George Walker. Others present were Olon Ray, Robert McClellan, Ed Schneider, and Becky Cade.

Becky Cade presented an overview of the Community and Junior Colleges technology initiative. Ms. Cade outlined the statutory requirements of Senate Bill 2945. The bill provided over \$29 million dollars of bonding authority to establish a Community and Junior Colleges statewide telecommunications network. Further, Ms. Cade provided an explanation of on-going work involving both local and state personnel that is necessary to enable the bill requirements to be met.

Specifically, the bill requires participation by the executive director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges on the Council on Educational Technology. Further, the bill requires the statewide college network plan to be consistent with the policies adopted by the Council on Educational Technology. Dr. Ray, local and state, public and private sector members have developed standards and policies to ensure network connectivity and compatibility among the educational partners in the most economical and efficient way.

Finally, Ms. Cade described the coordinating efforts between the State staff and college telecommunication specialists. Planning efforts included the following: monthly meetings identifying guidelines and formats for individual college plans, training and consultation from state technology analysts, and analysis of bond requirements. Ms. Cade identified some of the purchases planned by both the colleges and the SBCJC.

Dr. Ray explained that it is anticipated that both the Council policies, SBCJC plan and colleges plans will be brought to them for action at the October Board meeting.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.